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TREASURER ANGELIDES, JOINED BY ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR NATE MILEY, FORMER ASSEMBLYMEMBER ELLEN CORBETT, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PRESENTS CASTRO VALLEY LIBRARY WITH \$14 MILLION STATE GRANT

Funds Will Help Construct a New Building for the Castro Valley Library

Castro Valley, CA - State Treasurer Phil Angelides, joined by Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, former Alameda County Assemblymember Ellen Corbett and community members, today presented a \$13.96 million state grant to Alameda County to assist in the construction of a new building for the Castro Valley Library. The California Public Library Construction and Renovation Board, of which the Treasurer is a member, awarded the funds. Corbett, a former member of the California Public Library Construction and Renovation Board, was instrumental in Castro Valley's successful bid for the library funds. The Castro Valley Library received the largest grant in the most recent round of awards.

"California voters made a clear statement in March 2000 when they passed the Library Bond Act: They wanted more books, new computers, and buildings that are worthy of our children's and our State's future," Angelides said. "First-class libraries, such as the new Castro Valley Library, will help bridge the literacy gap and the digital divide that prevent Californians from attaining educational success."

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley and dozens of community members and library supporters joined the Treasurer at a press conference at the existing Castro Valley Library building. The group outlined the need for a newer, more modern library to serve the Castro Valley community.

"The design of the new Castro Valley Library and its programs demonstrates the deep commitment of the people of Alameda County to children, education, and lifelong learning. We are excited to partner with the State of California to build a great library for the people of the Castro Valley community," noted Supervisor Miley.

The new Castro Valley Library building will be funded by both the state grant and Alameda County. The new building will include space to accommodate five times as many public computers with wireless Internet access, an expanded international language collection, a multipurpose education center, a café, a bookstore, and an outdoor patio. Groundbreaking for the Castro Valley Library is expected in the fall of 2007, with completion expected in the summer of 2009.

The Library Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 14), approved by California voters in March 2000, made \$350 million available to help California communities build new libraries and expand and remodel existing facilities. In the third round of awards, the California Public Library Construction and Renovation Board awarded \$80.6 million in Library Bond Act funding.

The award process for Bond Act funds was extremely competitive – in the third round alone, 72 localities submitted applications totaling over \$586 million in requested funds, more than six times the available funding. Of these, twelve library projects were selected to receive bond act funding, including the Castro Valley project.

Treasurer Angelides pushed the Library Board to consider smart growth principles, including proximity to transit and location within economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, in considering projects for Library Bond Act funding. Applications were also evaluated based on several other factors, including: population growth, the age and condition of existing library facilities, the project's plans for integration of electronic technology, and the degree to which the location and scale of the project met the community's needs.

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